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In re Patent Application of:

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR VALIDATING

LOGICAL END-TO-END ACCESS PATHS IN

STORAGE AREA NETWORKS

Examiner: E. H. M. Sall

RCE AND AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 12, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified U.S. patent application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination is submitted concurrently herewith. A Petition for Extension of Time, extending the time of response by 3 months to June 12, 2009 is also submitted concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.